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SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE

1. COMMERCE/BEWT AND STATE ARE PLANNING AN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND THE U.S.S.R. FEB 25-28. U.S. MISSION BERLIN HAS AGREED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE.

2. POSTS ARE INVITED TO SEND ONE OR TWO OFFICERS AT STATE/COMMERCE EXPENSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. IT IS HOPED THAT REPRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OR CHIEF OF ECONOMIC SECTION AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL OFFICER. IF FEASIBLE VIENNA IS REQUESTED TO SEND THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR FROM THE TRADE CENTER AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EMBASSY. BELGRADE REQUESTED SEND EITHER E/C COUNSELOR OR COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. WARSAW SHOULD INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN ITS REPRESENTATION IF POSSIBLE. MOSCOW REQUESTED TO INCLUDE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AND DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE. OECD/ PARIS REQUESTED SEND COCOM OFFICER AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE. IN ADDITION TO COMMERCE AND STATE ATTENDEES WE ANTICIPATE THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM TREASURY, CIEP/STR AND POSSIBLY EXIM BANK WILL PARTICIPATE.

3. THE FOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ON THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IMPEDING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THESE WILL RANGE FROM ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL POLICY ISSUES TO THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTING VIABLE COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUGGEST PROBLEMS FOR DISCUSSION AS AGENDA TOPICS AND (B) NOMINATE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

5. FOR MOSCOW AND WARSAW: POSTS MAY WISH FUND TRAVEL BY E/C OFFICERS IN LENINGRAD AND POZNAN CONSULATES TO
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ATTEND CONFERENCE.

6. FOR USEC BRUSSELS: MISSION INVITED TO SEND ONE OFFICER AT POST'S EXPENSE. INGERSOLL

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